

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 19 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 7 and 13 - 19 stand rejected; claims 8 - 12 stand withdrawn from consideration; and claims 20 and 21 stand objected to.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 7-14, and 19 have been cancelled. Further, objected to claims 20 and 21 have been placed into independent form. Still further, claims 2-5 have been amended to depend from claim 21 and claims 15-18 have been amended to depend from claim 20.

In the office action mailed June 21, 2005, claims 1 - 5 and 13 - 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,628,814 to Reeves et al. and claims 6, 7, 18, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reeves et al.

The foregoing rejections are traversed by the instant response. The only independent claims in the case are allowable claims 20 and 21. All the other claims depend from either claim 20 or claim 21.

It is submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

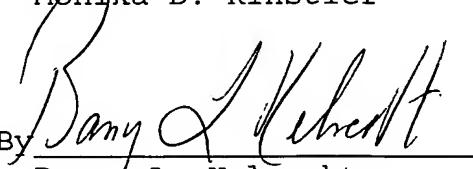
Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

Applicant will file a continuation application to continue the prosecution of the cancelled claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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